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SB 372

Mr. Chairman,

Members of the committee thank you for your time regarding Senate Bill 372. Senate bill 372 clarifies where landlords need to place CO2 units within their rental units. It also clarifies that if there are not combustible heat sources that a CO2 unit is not required.

As it currently stands in the Administrative rules, it is unclear where and how many CO2 units are required. There are many co2 unit manufacturers with many different installation instructions along with multiple suggested locations where co2 units should be located as defined by the co2 manufacturers.

The following is the current language listed in the administrative rules;

24.320.301 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR STANDARD

(1) The department provides the following standard for the location, number, and type of approved carbon monoxide detectors required to be installed in dwelling units as provided by 70-20-113 and 70-24-303, MCA, of the Landlord Tenant Act:

(a) In dwelling units containing fuel-fired appliances or having attached garages, a carbon monoxide detector must be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.

(b) Single station carbon monoxide detectors must comply with Underwriters Laboratory (UL) 2034 and be installed in accordance with the manufacturers' installation instructions.

(2) Rules adopted under this subchapter may not be construed as part of the state building code provided in 50-60-203, MCA, and may only be enforced as provided in Title 70, chapter 24, part 4.

Senate Bill 372 looks to clarify in code where landlords need to place co2 units, this bill does not limit the landlords from placing more units in nor does it prohibit tenants from putting more co2 units in. This bill just creates the baseline of how many and where the co2 units should be installed.

Please give a due pass on SB 372